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SUBJ: INTERAMERICAN TELECOMMUNICATIONS CONFERENCE (CITEL)

DEVELOPMENTS

1. COMMITTEE HAS BEEN SET UP TO STUDY BRAZILIAN PRPOSAL FOR BASIC
RESTRUCTURING OF ORGANIZATION INTO OAS SPECIALIZED AGENCY,
RATHER THAN PRESENT SPECIALIZED CONFERENCE. OAS LEGAL ADVISOR
ZINOTTI WHO IS PRESENT AT RIO MEETING HAS ADVISED COMMITTEE
THAT OAS CHARTER IS PRESENTLY UNDERGOING REVIEW AND THAT DISTINCT
POSSIBILITY EXISTS CHARTER REVISION MAY RESULT IN DISCARDING
CONCEPT OF SPECIALIZED CONFERENCES AND IN FUTURE PERMIT ONLY
SPECIALIZED AGENCIES. LATTER WOULD REQUIRE A TREATY OR
INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION THAT MUST BE SIGNED AND RETIFIED
BY GOVERNMENTS.

2. IN REPLY TO QUESTION WHETHER FORMAL RESTRUCTURING ALONG
TREATY LINES WOULD REQUIRE REVISION TO SPECIALIZED AGENCY
FOR CITEL, OR WHETHER AS AN EXISTING SPECIALIZED CONFERENCE IT
WOULD BE PERMITTED TO CONTINUE IN PRESENT FORM, ZINOTTI REPLIED
THAT IT WAS DIFFICULT TO FORECAST.

3. US DELEGATION IS MEMBER OF COMMITTEE WORKING GROUP THAT
WILL DRAFT RESOLUTION ENDORSING CONTINUANCE FOR UNDETERMINATE
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PERIOD OF CITEL'S PRESENT STRUCTURE BUT WITH SOME IMPROVEMENT

SUCH AS GREATER SECRETARIAT SUPPORT. IN ADDITION, WORKING GROUP WILL WORK ON DRAFT RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING INTERCESSONAL WORKING GROUP THAT WILL EXAMINE WHAT CITEL STRUCTURE SHOULD BE IF PRESENTLY CONTEMPLATED ALTERATION OF OAS CHARTER MAKES NECESSARY CITEL ESTABLISHMENT AS SPECIALIZED AGENCY. US HAS RAISED QUESTION WHETHER LATTER TASK IS REALLY NECESSARY, IN VIEW OF UNKNOWN OUTCOME OF PRESENT OAS CHARTER REVIEW.

4. US DELEGATION WILL PARTICIPATE IN WORKING GROUP BUT WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT GUIDANCE ON LIKELIHOOD THAT ONGOING OAS CHARTER REVIEW WILL MAKE NECESSARY BASIC CITEL RESTRUCTURING.

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